

REMARKS

Claims 36-41 are pending.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 15, 2005, Applicants elect Group II, directed to a structure. Applicants submit that Claims 36-42 read on the elected subject matter.

Claims 36-42 of the pending application may interfere with Claims 23-33 of U.S. patent application publication No. 2004/0258872 (hereinafter referred to as U.S. '872), a copy of which was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 13, 2005.¹

Applicants direct the Examiner attention to the Comments Under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 submitted herewith, which discusses the potential relevance of (a) Japanese application No. 2001-184725 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '725") (b) Japanese application No. 2000-57627 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '627") and (c) U.S patent application publication No. U.S. 2002/0034603 A1 (hereinafter referred to as "U.S. '603") to the claims of U.S. '872 and the claims of the present application.

¹ The majority of the subject matter of Claims 36-41 of the present application was previously submitted in a Continuation application of the present application filed on December 22, 2005. At the present time, Applicants have not received a serial number for that Continuation application. The claims of the Continuation directed to that subject matter of Claims 36-41 of the present application in the Continuation application will be canceled.

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Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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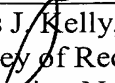
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